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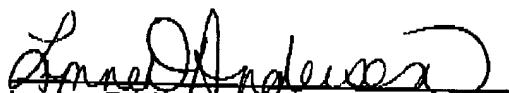
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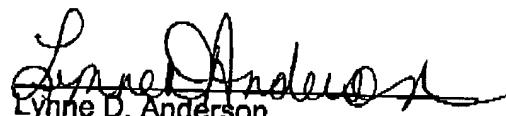
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Sir:

On April 4, 2003, an Office Action (Final) was mailed to Applicants' representative relating to the above-identified application. This Office Action was directed to claim 2, which was canceled in the Preliminary Amendment dated March 28, 2003, and failed to address claims 3-10, which were newly-added in the Preliminary Amendment. (The Office Action Summary noted that claims 3-10 were pending). (A copy of the Office Action is attached.) Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to resend a revised Office Action Summary, PTO-326, explaining the status of claims 3-10 and indicating a new time period to reply to the Office Action.

The new time period being set to run from the date the error is corrected, as per
MPEP § 710.06.

Respectfully submitted,



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